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City of Gaithersburg Joins Where Angels Play Foundation to Build New Playground Honoring The Gemmell Family

Gaithersburg, MD (August 19, 2019) The City of Gaithersburg joins the Where Angels Play Foundation to build a new tot lot play area at Griffith Park to honor and celebrate the lives of Marie, Cole and Devin Gemmell. The community is invited to support this project during volunteer days, September 12 through 14, 2019, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day. A ribbon cutting ceremony will be held on September 15 at 11 a.m. (weather permitting). [Griffith Park](#) is located at 29 South Summit Avenue, adjacent to Gaithersburg City Hall.

The playground will reflect the life and personality of Marie, Cole and Devin Gemmell, who were tragically killed in 2014 when a private plane crashed into their family home. Marie's husband Ken and daughter Arabelle are designing the playground and will serve as project chairs. The playground will be the 53rd project built by Where Angels Play.

"This is a chance to honor the memories of Marie, Cole, and Devin by building a place in their names where kids will laugh, play, and have fun," said Mayor Jud Ashman. "The City Council and I look forward to joining Ken and Arabelle, along with the Where Angels Play Foundation, in this wonderful endeavor."

[Where Angels Play Foundation](#) is a nonprofit foundation created in the wake of the tragic events of Superstorm Sandy and the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting. In addition to volunteer labor, the Foundation is seeking monetary donations to offset material costs for the Gemmell Family Playground. A fundraiser will be held on Saturday, September 14 from 6 to 9 p.m. at Quincy's Bar & Grille, 616 Quince Orchard Road, Gaithersburg, MD. To donate online and learn more, visit www.whereangelsplayfoundation.org.

Mission of Where Angels Play

Inspired by senseless violence in Newtown, Connecticut and in an effort to restore the storm ravaged east coast after Hurricane Sandy, the [Where Angels Play Foundation](#) set out to create 26 living tributes to the lives lost at Sandy Hook Elementary School as well as all children who have been victims of violence while creating safe, fun places for children to be children. These families have decided to pay it forward to the rest of the country and the world for communities in need and to honor young lives that have left us much too soon. May these playgrounds provide a symbol of hope, recovery and a return to normalcy, a gift to our youth in an effort to enhance and sustain their precious childhood. For more information, e-mail MaryKate Herbert at marykate@whereangelsplayfoundation.org.

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